

## A.1 Written Comments Received from Shelley Berkley

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April 26, 2000

Mr Nikos Himaras, Manager, Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation  
Space System Development Division, Suite 331/AST-100  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20059

Dear Mr. Himaras,

As a representative of the Great State of Nevada and a member to the NTS Development Corporation, I have followed with interest Kistler's progress in siting a launch/recovery operation at the Nevada Test Site for the K-1 vehicle.

Kistler Aerospace will create the kind of high-value jobs in our community that were lost when the test site downsized after the end of the Cold War. The positive socioeconomic impacts of this project are good for Nevada and our community and I am pleased that this was a finding in the draft environmental assessment.

The creation of a new aerospace industry in Nevada will complement our primary industry and create new opportunities for partnership projects. I look forward to Kistler's first launch from the Nevada Test Site and the excitement it will bring to this State and the recognition we receive from the world.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress

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## A.2 Written Comments Received from Randy Black

April 28, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras  
Manager, Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for  
Commercial Space Transportation  
Space System Development Divisions, Suite 331/AFT-100  
800 Independence Avenue Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20059

RE: Kistler Aerospace Corporation/Nevada Test Site

Dear Mr. Himaras,

Nevada has long been the innovator in new technologies and businesses. Beginning with "the comstock load" mining, the construction of Boulder Dam, the nuclear test site, the legalization of gaming and the world's premier facilities for air to air and air to ground testing, training and tactics for both the United States Air Force and the Navy's "Top Gun".

Space travel is the next milestone in Nevada history. With the new treaties regarding nuclear testing, Nevada has lost allot of its economic base at the nuclear test site. Because of the location's remoteness, the sheer magnitude in its size and its compatibility for security, the Kistler Aerospace port is the perfect match for the test site.

This new space port will create high paying jobs, and bring a clean high tech industry to Nevada. It will also give the world alternatives for launching space vehicles, and because of its climate and remoteness, more than likely it will surpass any other facility.

I fully support Kistler Aerospace for their efforts and their long term livability in Nevada, and I am pleased that the environmental assessment paves the way for their operations. If you have any questions, I am available at your convenience.

Respectfully,



Randy Black, Sr.

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### A.3 Written Comments Received from Les Bradshaw

Written Comment Sheet  
Kistler Aerospace Operations at the Nevada Test Site  
Environmental Assessment Meeting

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DATE 05.02.02

*Nye County supports the program.  
The 30 day comment period is too short  
for a county to receive the document,  
review it, prepare comments, agendaize  
the comments for Board of Commissioner  
approval, and get them in in 30  
days. 60 days would be appropriate  
Also, please ensure the EA includes  
adequate coverage of highway  
transport of hazardous materials  
related to the operation.*

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## A.4 Written Comments Received from Joseph Brown

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From-JONES VARGAS

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NTS Development Corporation

May 1, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras, Manager, Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation  
Space System Development Division, Suite 331/AST-100  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20059

Dear Mr. Himaras:

The NTS Development Corporation is a community-based reuse organization that works to promote the growth of science and technology in Nevada. This is accomplished through a strategic partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy. Over the past four years, the NTS Development Corporation has helped Kistler Aerospace in commercializing a launch/recovery operation for their K-1 vehicle at the Nevada Test Site. During this process we have learned much about the Kistler operation, its people, its business plans and the benefits that a project of this magnitude brings to our State. The positive results of the environmental assessment bring Kistler a step closer to meeting the requirements of the licensing process.

This project will create high-value jobs similar to those that were lost when the Nevada Test Site downsized due to the end of the Cold War. In addition, Kistler will attract other high technology companies to the region.

Our organization will continue to work with Kistler as they progress through the various steps to licensing. Kistler is just the kind of company that can change the way the world views Nevada, and assist us with our efforts to diversify Nevada's economy.

Sincerely,

NTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Joseph W. Brown  
Chairman

JWB:eoz

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## A.5 Written Comments Received from Richard H. Bryan

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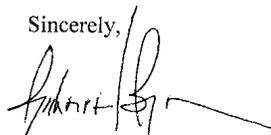
Dear Mr. Himaras:

During my many years in office, I have been involved in various projects that encourage economic development in Nevada. Kistler Aerospace is one of our best examples proving that Nevada has the potential to play a major role in the new technology world.

The development of the world's first fully reusable launch vehicle to service the commercial satellite industry will put Nevada at the forefront in the aerospace business community. As an anchor tenant at SPACEPORT NEVADA, Kistler can lead to the creation of other related business development and high-tech job opportunities for our communities.

As part of your consideration of the Kistler Environmental Assessment, I request that my letter of support be included as part of the Federal Aviation Administration review.

Sincerely,



RICHARD H. BRYAN  
United States Senator

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## A.6 Written Comments Received from Robert Campbell

### The Campbell Company

Public Affairs Consulting

Robert E. Campbell  
Dudley Lowery

April 21, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras, Manager Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for  
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Space System Development Division  
Suite 331/AST-100  
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Re: Kistler Aerospace

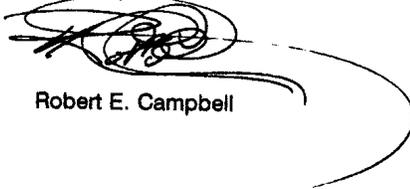
Dear Mr. Himaras

As a twenty-three year resident of southern Nevada, I wish to lend my support and encouragement for approval of the Kistler Aerospace program as proposed for the Nevada Test Site.

The Test Site has played a long and positive role in the defense of America; the times and environment are changing, hopefully for the benefit of mankind. The mission of the Test Site now should also change. The future commercial prospects that the Kistler program offers can be good for Nevada, as well as for America as a whole.

I encourage a positive review on the part of your agency so that this important program may move forward in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Sincerely



Robert E. Campbell

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## **A.7 Oral Comments Received from Red Copass**

[For the full text of this comment please refer to Appendix B of this document.]

Mr. Himaras,

The Nevada Test Site is located on land within Nye County. As a Nye County commissioner, I support new projects that contribute to the economy expansion for my community and the whole county, if you will.

Kistler Aerospace and their operation at the Nevada Test Site will provide employment opportunities to the people in my county. Many of those same people were displaced when the site downsized due to the end of the Cold War. And believe me, a lot have lived out there too, a lot of them here in town.

Kistler's project provides a great opportunity for Nye County to build upon. With a well-executed plan, we could grow our county's economic job and our job base. One example, we're presently working with the Nevada Test Site Development Corporation on a partnership project that will develop an industrial park adjacent to the Nevada Test Site in Nye County. The Kistler project will open the door for other aerospace companies to locate within Nye County, possibly in our industrial park.

We believe Kistler is good for Nevada and good for Nye County, and I am pleased that our environmental assessment will now let them move forward.

## A.8 Written Comments Received from Red Copass

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Kistler Aerospace Operations at the Nevada Test Site  
Environmental Assessment Meeting

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DATE 2 May

Well Done, This was a very  
positive meeting.

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## A.9 Written Comments Received from Lou Emmert



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April 24, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras, Manager Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for  
Commercial Space Transportation  
Space System Development Division, Suite 331/AST-100  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington DC 20059

Dear Sir:

This letter is to indicate strong support for Kistler Aerospace to operate a launch/recovery operation for their K-1 vehicle at the Nevada Test Site. The Nevada Test Site is the ideal place to host America's newest and most innovative space technology venture. This is a great opportunity for Nevada and for our Test Site and I wholeheartedly support this project.

Kistler will broaden our economic base, help Nevada diversify and build a high tech industrial center. In addition, they will attract other high-technology businesses and create high-value employment opportunities. Kistler will enhance research and development activities at all education levels through the exchange of information and ideas between educators and this technology-driven industry.

I fully support Kistler Aerospace for pioneering an aerospace industry in Nevada and are pleased that this environmental assessment paves the way for this type of operation at the NTS. The creation of a new aerospace industry in Nevada will compliment our primary industry and create new opportunities for partnership projects. I look forward to Kistler's first launch from the Nevada Test Site and the excitement it will bring to this State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lou E. Emmert".

Lou E. Emmert

## A.10 Written Comments Received from Gary Fitzgerald



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1 May 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras, Manager Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for  
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Space System Development Division, Suite 331/AST-100  
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Dear Mr. Himaras:

This letter is to confirm my support for Kistler Aerospace and their launch/recovery operation effort for their K-1 vehicle at the Nevada Test Site (NTS). Kistler will become the anchor tenant for SPACEPORT NEVADA and will attract other aerospace projects and companies to Nevada. I am also pleased that the environmental assessment paves the way for this type of operation at NTS.

This new industry will also provide employment opportunities for fellow Nevadans. The Nevada Test Site is the ideal place to host America's newest and most innovative space technology venture. This project is a great opportunity for Nevada and our Test Site and will pioneer the aerospace industry in Nevada.

I look forward to Kistler's first launch from the Nevada Test Site and the excitement it will bring to this State and the recognition we receive from the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary H. Fitzgerald".

Gary H. Fitzgerald  
Business Unit President

GHF:ka

# A.11 Written Comments Received from Jim Gibbons

JIM GIBBONS  
2ND DISTRICT, NEVADA

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April 25, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras, Manager, Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation  
Space System Development Division, Suite 331/AST-100  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20059

Dear Mr. Himaras:

The Nevada Test Site (NTS) is an integral part of Nevada's past, and soon will be an exciting contribution to Nevada's future, when Kistler Aerospace launches the world's first fully reusable launch vehicle from the NTS.

Kistler Aerospace will bring high-paying jobs to the community and reuse the federal assets at the NTS for business development purposes. The NTS is a great place for aerospace activities, and the business and education communities will partner to provide the workforce and infrastructure for this new industry.

We, as a community, have agreed to join together to support Kistler and look forward to the day when Kistler will be launching from the NTS on a regular basis. This positive environmental statement is a major first step.

Sincerely,

Jim Gibbons  
Member of Congress

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## A.12 Written Comments Received from Kenny Guinn



### OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KENNY C. GUINN  
Governor

May 2, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras, Manager Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation  
Space System Development Division, Suite 331/AST-100  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20059

Dear Mr. Himaras:

Diversification of the economy of the State of Nevada is essential to ensuring our future financial stability. As the Governor of our Great State, and also a member of the board of directors of the NTS Development Corporation, I support projects that will create high-value jobs and new industry.

Kistler Aerospace is planning to operate a launch/recovery operation for their K-I vehicle at the Nevada Test Site. This will be a great opportunity for Nevada. Kistler will become the anchor tenant for SPACEPORT NEVADA and will attract other aerospace projects and companies to Nevada.

Kistler's success will bring high tech industries to Nevada. Each new industry brings its own group of suppliers and jobs. In the early stages, Kistler will generate enormous publicity helping broaden the nation's view of our state.

In the past two legislative sessions joint resolutions were passed that support aerospace projects. AJR 16, passed on June 4, 1997, expresses support for the Nevada Test Site Development Corporation and the proposal by Kistler Aerospace to make use of the Nevada Test Site for license aerospace vehicle operations. AJR 8, passed on February 19, 1999, expresses support for the development of SPACEPORT NEVADA and other commercial activities at the Nevada Test Site and commends the Nevada Congressional Delegation for its continued support of the Nevada Test Site Development Corporation. I have attached copies of these two joint resolutions for your records.

The State of Nevada would benefit by the Kistler project and I look forward to being at the Nevada Test Site for their first launch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenny C. Guinn".

Kenny C. Guinn  
Governor

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## A.13 Written Comments Received from A.E. Gurrola

Mr. Nikos Himaras, Manager Environmental Program  
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April 25, 2000

Dear Mr. Himaras:

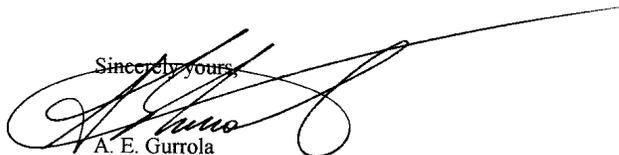
For too many years the vast resources and facilities at the Nevada Test Site have been under utilized. This condition, as we all know, was brought about by the cessation of nuclear testing at the test site. More than 8000 jobs have been eliminated and the economy of the state of Nevada has also suffered extensively. This underutilization will result in the deterioration of all the assets ( due to lean budgets for caretaker status ) at the site and should the need arise to resume testing it will require large amounts of funding, equipment and time to restore the site to the proper state of readiness to conduct testing.

Now comes "Kistler". It is indeed fortuitous that Kistler has turned to the NTSDC for assistance to provide a site for their project. This project to launch and land a reusable vehicle at the test site will use resources at the test site that otherwise would remain inactive and continue to deteriorate. It will also start the process of creating new employment opportunities at the test site, reversing a descending trend that began some ten or more years ago.

Now comes the best for the test site and Nevada. Kistler will act as a catalyst to attract new aerospace companies to Nevada and a myriad of supporting businesses to those companies, making better utilization of the test site, hiring employees, and helping the economy of the state of Nevada.

I believe the Kistler project is "what the doctor ordered" for the benefit of the Nevada Test Site, for Nevada, and the NTSDC.

Sincerely yours,



A. E. Gurrola  
Member - Board of Directors NTSDC

## A.14 Written Comments Received from Bruce James

REMARKS  
REGARDING KISTLER AEROSPACE  
MAY 2, 2000

I am Bruce James, a Director of the NTS Development Corporation, as well as a Trustee of the Desert Research Institute and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sierra Nevada College.

The agreement reached between Kistler Aerospace Corporation and the NTS Development Corporation is a milestone in Nevada's quest to broaden our economic base through identifying, cultivating and supporting areas of specialization in which Nevada can lead the nation through the 21st century.

Without question, the exploration and commercialization of space is one such area. With high barriers to entry in most states and regions of the country, Nevada is in the singular position of being able to support the emerging private commercialization of the space industry through the use of federal

## **A.14 Written Comments Received from Bruce James**

government controlled lands in our state.

Nevada is indeed fortunate to have Kistler Aerospace Corporation as one of our first customers in this endeavor. Kistler is managed by the people who helped build NASA's brilliant and successful space exploration programs. These are exceptionally well educated people of great integrity, with more experience than any private group in the country. They are people who have always put safety first above all other aspects of their work.

I have no doubt that Nevada's partnership in this instance with Kistler, as well as the federal government, will reap rich rewards for all Nevadans with a minimum of danger to our environment and virtually no risk to our people.

I endorse Kistler's program as proposed for the Nevada Test Site.

# A.15 Written Comments Received from the Nevada Division of Water Resources

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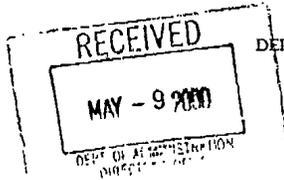
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Governor

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May 8, 2000

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RE: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Site, Launch, Reentry, and Recovery operations at the Kistler Launch Facility, Nevada Test Site (NTS)

Dear Ms. Elliot:

Please accept the following comments regarding the draft environmental assessment for the Kistler project.

### COMMENTS:

Provide an estimate of water usage for your project on an annual basis. Include quasi-municipal use, dust control, wash water, cooling water, fire suppression, and facility construction. If water is required for noise suppression in the flame trench, include an estimate of the quantity of water required. Permit 63176 is currently on file with the State Engineer for the commercial use of water from Well 8 for industrial purposes. The water right allows for a maximum usage of 7.23 acre-feet annually for industrial purposes. If your estimate of water usage exceeds this amount, you will need to obtain additional water rights.

In addition to the above remarks, the Division of Water Resources has the following general comments. Before water is diverted from any well, the appropriator must make application to and obtain from the state engineer a permit to appropriate water in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 533 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). An environmental permit to appropriate the waters of the state of Nevada must be approved by the state engineer prior to the diversion of any waters for remediation purposes. If any structure impounds more than 20 acre-feet of water or has a dam height of 20 feet or higher, you will be required to obtain a dam permit pursuant to NRS 535. All non-permitted wells must be properly plugged and abandoned by a Nevada licensed well driller. All Nevada water laws must receive full compliance.

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# A.16 Written Comments Received from the Nevada State Historic Properties Office

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KENNY C. GUINN  
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RONALD M. JAMES  
State Historic Preservation Officer

May 25, 2000

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada State Clearinghouse

FROM: Alice M. Baldrice, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office *Alice M. Baldrice*

SUBJECT: DEA for the Site, Launch, Reentry and Recovery Operations at the Kistler Launch Facility, NTS, Nevada SAI #2000-129

Because the Federal Aviation Administration is permitting a project that is located on federally administered land, it must take into account the effects of the undertaking on properties listed on or determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. This is consistent with the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Archaeologists identified cultural resources within the project area, two of which the DOI and the Nevada SHPO considered eligible for inclusion in the Register. The DOI proposed data recovery at the one of the properties, 26NY10133. Treatment of 26NY4892 was determined unnecessary because data recovery had previously taken place. The Nevada SHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation concurred with the proposed treatment to mitigate effects to 26NY10133. No further archaeological treatment is required.

The Nevada SHPO notes that the Department of Energy Rapid Cultural Assessment team met with Native American representatives from the potentially affected tribes to identify specific cultural properties in the area and suggest appropriate mitigation measures. These measures are not included within the draft environmental assessment other than a statement to the effect that recommendation would be evaluated and implemented as appropriate (page 5-54).

We request that the federal agencies provide evidence that further consultation with tribes occurred to identify and implement mitigation measures for traditional cultural values connected to the area. Further consultation needs to occur before the environmental assessment is finalized.

If you wish to discuss these comments please call me at 775-684-3444.

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## A.17 Written Comments Received from Harry Reid

HARRY REID  
NEVADA

### United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2803

April 28, 2000

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Manager, Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for  
Commercial Space Transportation  
Space System Development Division, Suite 331/AST-100  
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Dear Mr. Himaras:

Over the past four years, the NTS Development Corporation and Kistler Aerospace Corporation have continually kept me informed of their progress in utilizing the Nevada Test Site for a launch/recovery operation for the Kistler K-1 vehicle.

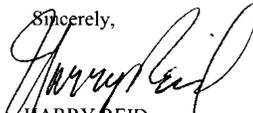
Nevada has always supported our government's projects at the Test Site. Now we have an opportunity to put this great resource to use for Nevadans and millions of others who will benefit from Kistler's services.

For many years the Nevada Test Site was home to the best jobs in the state. Companies like Kistler Aerospace can once again make the Nevada Test Site and Southern Nevada one of the nation's premiere centers for science and technology and create new high-value jobs.

When I sponsored the Commercial Space Act last year, I knew it would provide the opportunity Nevada needed to advance in the aerospace field. The Act authorized the FAA to license reentry for reusable launch vehicles. This environmental assessment is a major step in reaching that decision. Your findings of no significant environmental impacts bring us a step closer to a Kistler operation at the Nevada Test Site.

The Nevada Test Site is the ideal place to host America's newest and most innovative space technology venture. This is a great opportunity for Nevada and for our Test Site and I wholeheartedly support this project.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID  
United States Senator

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**A.18 Written Comments Received from Dan Simmons**

Written Comment Sheet  
Kistler Aerospace Operations at the Nevada Test Site  
Environmental Assessment Meeting

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DATE 2 May

*This discussion and presentation  
was well received by the audience  
& participants.*

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# A.19 Written Comments Received from Raymond Rawson

RAYMOND D. RAWSON  
SENATOR  
Clark District 6

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Re: **Kistler Aerospace**

Dear Mr. Himaras:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the Kistler Aerospace proposal to operate a launch/recovery program for their K-1 vehicle at the Nevada Test Site. I have been involved on many different levels with the attempt to diversify Nevada's economy, and am very much in favor of this project. The Nevada Test Site is an ideal place to host America's newest and most innovative space technology venture. For many years the Nevada Test Site was home to the best jobs in the state, and it is exciting to realize that we can again be one of the nation's premiere centers for science and technology.

The University and Community College System of Nevada is currently making an effort to attract biotechnology industry to this state by creating a positive partnership between education and private industry. We are serious about economic diversification, and see this as a very positive fundamental move in that direction.

I am pleased to know that the draft environmental assessment will enable Kistler Aerospace, through their operation at the Nevada Test Site, to provide employment opportunities for people in central and southern Nevada, many of whom were displaced as a result of cutbacks following the end of the cold war. The job opportunities provided by Kistler will make a positive impact on the economy of southern Nevada, and more significantly may serve to attract other high tech businesses to this state.

Nevada has always been a proponent of our government's projects at the Test Site, and look forward to another opportunity to utilize this tremendous resource.

Sincerely,

  
Raymond D. Rawson  
Senator, Clark County District 6

RDR:imc

## A.20 Written Comments Received from Stephen Rice

2006-07-12



21 April, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras  
Manager, Environmental Program Office  
of the Associate Administrator for  
Commercial Space Transportation  
Space System Development Division  
Suite 331/AST-100  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20059

Dear Mr. Himaras:

This comment is provided from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), relative to the progress of Kistler Aerospace and their planned operations in Nevada.

As you may know, Tim Carlson, President of the NTS Development Corporation, communicates with UNLV generally and my office particularly on a regular basis on Kistler and other Test Site commercialization efforts. Indeed, it is gratifying to note the positive results of the environmental assessment which means that Kistler is one step closer to the development of a new industry, one that promises to attract other aerospace companies and programs in the future. The effects that this new industry will have on our education system is great, and will benefit our technical community considerably.

The university stands ready to work with Kistler and to continue to partner with the NTS Development Corporation in developing new academic programs in aerospace engineering and related fields. We recognize the need to respond to the technical requirements of companies like Kistler by educating our workforce and offering internship programs that are tailored for the industry.

In addition, we plan to develop faculty that specialize in aerospace by offering research and development opportunities in partnership with the business community.

We believe Kistler is a good project for Nevada and a good partner for the community, and I thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Rice", written over a horizontal line.

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## A.21 Written Comments Received from A.C. Robison



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April 24, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras, Manager Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administration for Commercial Space Transportation  
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Dear Mr. Himaras,

I have followed with great interest the progress of the commercial space launch venture associated with the Kistler Aerospace re-useable space vehicle. I wish to offer my support for the use of the Nevada Test Site as a launch/recovery location for the Kistler K-1 launch vehicle.

The Nevada Test Site has served the needs of this nation and Nevada for half a century. The Kistler space vehicle launch proposal will provide a solid anchor for the future of the Nevada Test Site. Kistler, as the anchor tenant for a new SPACEPORT NEVADA, will attract other aerospace projects and companies to Nevada. Kistler and its operations will provide important employment opportunities for the people of rural Nevada many of whom were displaced with the downsizing of the Nevada Test Site due to the end of the Cold War.

I have always been interested in and encouraging of the diversification of Nevada's economic base. Kistler Aerospace will help Nevada diversify it's economy and can provide the basis for other high-technology businesses to join with them in creating high-value employment opportunities.

I fully support Kistler Aerospace in pioneering an aerospace industry in Nevada. I agree with the FAA conclusion that only positive socioeconomic impacts will result from the Kistler project at the Nevada Test Site. I am pleased that this environmental assessment paves the way for this type of operation in Nevada.

Sincerely,

A.C. Robison

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## **A.22 Written Comments Received from John A. Rusi**

### **Written Comment Sheet Kistler Aerospace Operations at the Nevada Test Site Environmental Assessment Meeting**

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Kistler Aerospace should be encouraged in this endeavour [sic]. An FAA approved Commercial Aerospace port is vital to the future of America as well as the state of Nevada. Currently Kistler is looking at the satellite market but FOUR Space Stations will be flying in the next 15 years. The ISS, MIR, and at least TWO other Private Space Stations by Bigelow Aerospace and Island One for example will need to be resupplied by such businesses as Kistler. We will need a launch a week to resupply all the Four Space Stations currently contemplated.

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## A.23 Written Comments Received from Robert E. Shriver



April 28, 2000

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Dear Mr. Himaras:

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The Nevada Commission on Economic Development (NCED) is the state department charged with the development and diversification of Nevada's economy. The Commission supports fully the launch and recovery operation for the Kistler Aerospace Corporation to be located at the Nevada Test Site.

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Kistler will enable the "Spaceport Nevada" concept at the test site to succeed and in so doing will go a long way in the state's effort to diversify and develop high-skill, high-wage jobs in Nevada. Kistler's success will help attract other aerospace-related programs and companies in the future. It will also reuse the federal assets of the test site.

Kenny C. Guinn  
Governor

Kistler Aerospace success will also play a prominent role in the long-term technology strategy for the State of Nevada currently being developed by the Battelle Memorial Institute. In addition, they will enhance research and development activities, including technology transfer, curricula development at the University and Community College System of Nevada.

Lorraine T. Hunt  
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The NCED is pleased to support Kistler Aerospace and are pleased that this environmental assessment will pave the way for "Spaceport Nevada".

Bob Shriver  
Executive Director

Sincerely,  
  
Robert E. Shriver  
Executive Director

## A.24 Written Comments Received from Bruce Spotleson

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April 24, 2000

Mr. Nikos Himaras  
Manager, Environmental Program  
Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation  
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Suite 331/AST-100  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
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Dear Mr. Himaras:

This letter is in support of the Kistler Aerospace project being discussed for the Nevada Test Site.

In summary, it's great to see the positive results of the environmental assessment that moves Kistler closer to the development of this new industry.

The Kistler project certainly will lead to further high-tech industry developments in Nevada, and will result in an array of other economic benefits. A project like the one represented by Kistler will help create the kind of jobs that were lost to the test site with the end of the Cold War.

Kistler Aerospace is an ideal tenant for the Nevada Test Site, and an enhancement of our state's economic base. I welcome Kistler with open arms, as should all Nevadans.

Sincerely,

Bruce Spotleson  
General Manager  
Newspaper Division

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## A.25 Written Comments Received from Kathleen E. Trever



Dirk Kempthorne, Governor  
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April 28, 2000

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Mr. Tim Carlson  
President and CEO  
NTS Development Corporation  
2330 Paseo Del Prado, Suite C-101  
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Thank you for the invitation to attend the public hearing scheduled on May 2, 2000, in Las Vegas regarding the FAA's environmental assessment for the siting of the Kistler Aerospace Project at the Nevada Test Site. The State of Idaho will be unable to send a representative to this meeting. However, we remain interested in the potential impacts from this project in Idaho, particularly issues related to overflights.

Based on our conversations with you and DOE representatives, we understand the current environmental assessment deals with the siting decision for the project and that overflights will be addressed in the licensing process should the project proceed. We will review the copy of the environmental assessment you provided to us this week. Please keep us apprised of project developments. Should we have questions or like to request a briefing at a later date, we will contact you.

Thank you for keeping us informed.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Trever  
Coordinator-Manager

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## A.26 Written Comments Received from Sonja F. Wallace

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April 26, 2000

Janice Wiedemann  
NTS Development Corporation  
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Las Vegas, NV 89102

Dear Ms Wiedemann:

I received the copy of the environmental assessment (EA) which was prepared for the Federal Aviation Administration regarding the Nevada Test Site and Kistler Corporation.

In checking with personnel within the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, we feel at this time we would have no comments on the EA.

We appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the process and would request notification of other environmental matters related to this project.

If you have further questions, I can be reached at (801) 536-4477.

Sincerely,

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Sonja F. Wallace  
Pollution Prevention Coordinator